Delayed Execution of projects under MPLADS

*307. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments have received complaints regarding delayed executions of projects under MPLADS in some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would issue some guidelines to all the State Governments to ensure timely execution of all projects under MPLADS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) Twelve complaints from MPs have been received regarding delay in execution of projects under MPLADS during the period from 1.1.1999 to 10.3.2000. When such complaints are received, a report is called for from the concerned authorities of the State Government and they are advised to take corrective measures.

(c) All the District Collectors have been advised to stipulate a time limit for completion of work depending upon the nature of work and to take action against the defaulting implementing agencies. The State Governments have also been requested to take necessary steps for streamlining the implementation of MPLADS works and monitoring of the scheme.

Industrial use of natural gas

*308. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are providing natural gas for industrial use;

(b) on what basis Government are allotting this gas; and

(c) what is the total amount of gas allotted to different centres and which are the industries in the States like Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Gas allocation is made to various industries on the recommendations of an inter-Ministerial Committee, namely, Gas Linkage Committee on the basis of the availablility of gas and the demand in the area.

(c) The total allocation of gas made to various industries in the country

stands at 103.74 million standard cubic meter per day (MMSCMD). This includes 19.42 MMSCMD for Uttar Pradesh and 17.60 MMSCMD for Maharashtra as under:

(Fig. In MMSCMD)

Sector	Uttar Pradesh	Maharashtra
Fertilizer	8.80	5.70
Power	5.36	6.00
Sponge Iron	0.35	2.65
Others	2.28	2.80
Internal use/shrinkage	2.63	0.45
TOTAL:	19.42	17.60

Atomic power reactors

*309. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in some developed countries like the USA and Canada and even in Russia, there is a trend to abandon use of atomic power reactors and shift to conventional sources of energy.

(b) whether Government have conducted any study in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) Electricity generation by nuclear energy in the world increased by about 26% during the period 1990—99 as per information available. Although there has been slowing down in nuclear power capacity addition in U.S.A. Canada and Western Europe, this is to be looked at in the context of their self sufficiency in meeting the electricity demand with a high level of per capita electricity consumption. The nuclear capacity addition is now centered in Asia.

(b) and (c) A study, based on International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) documents indicates that between the period 1990 to 1997, 48 nuclear power reactors were connected to the grid and as of the end of 1998, 36 nuclear power reactors with a net capacity of 27536 MWe are reported to be under construction. Further, the shares of nuclear power in 1998 are significant in